(b) whether any proper assessment has been made of Air India's ability to manage and run a larger fleet;

(c) if so, the details of the study made;

(d) whether the past record of Air India is poor on this aspect; and

(e) the steps proposed to re-assess Air India's ability to manage more planes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Detailed assessment of facilities and manpower required to operate and maintain the fleet is done prior to induction of each type of aircraft.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Survey of the Tourist Potential of Araku Valley

5208. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any survey of the tourist potential of Araku Valley in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals for development of tourism have been received from Andhra Pradesh with regard to any location in the Eastern Ghats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a survey of tourist places in the State including Araku Valley in Visakhapatnam in the year 1990. The development of Borra lime stone caves near Araku Valley and creation of trekking facilities are the recommendations contained in the survey report. No such survey has however, been conducted by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Government on the basis of specific proposals from them. A sum of Rs. 4.5 lakhs was thus sanctioned during 1990-91 for flood lighting of Borra caves and Rs. 10.54 lakhs was sanctioned during 1992-93 for the purchase of trekking equipments. A sum of Rs. 29.91 lakhs have also been sanctioned for construction of Yatri Niwas at Araku during 1994-95.

राजकोट भावनगर और बड़ोदरा विमान क्षेत्र का विकास

5209. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:
श्री चीमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राजकोट, भावनगर और बड़ोदरा विमान क्षेत्र के धावन-पथ के विस्तार का कार्य शुरू हो गया है;

(ख) इस परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत कितनी है और इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है;

(ग) क्या राजकोट, भावनगर और बड़ोदरा विमान क्षेत्र के धावनपथ के विस्तार कार्य अथवा विकास के लिए कोई अंशदान/धन प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद): (क) भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की राजकोट, भावनगर और बड़ोदरा हवाई अड्डों पर धावनपथ के विस्तार की कोई योजना नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademy

5210. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademy during the last three years;